



TO: Select Corporation Test Coordinators
CC: Michele Walker, Director of Student Assessment

FROM: ADP Algebra II Program Team

DATE: February 7, 2008

SUBJECT: ADP Algebra II End-of-Course Exam

As you know, the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) has been working with Achieve, Inc. and a consortium of 13 other states, all members of the American Diploma Project (ADP), to develop a common end-of-course Algebra II assessment. This year Indiana assisted in the development of this program by participating in field tests which will help Achieve, the ADP consortium, and the project's test vendor, Pearson develop and refine content for the Algebra II Exam.

That work will be coming to fruition with the first operational administration of the Algebra II Exam in May. All students who complete an Algebra II course during the 2007-2008 school year in your corporation should participate in the test this spring per PL221. Here are the essential administrative details:

- Corporations will be expected to administer the assessment under secure conditions, as they would the regular statewide assessments.
- The Exam will be administered May 1 through May 30, 2008 in Indiana. It is recommended, but not required, that your corporation choose one day to administer the exam and an additional day for any make-up testing, within this timeframe.
- There is no direct charge to corporations for the Algebra II Exam. The State of Indiana is providing for this Exam.
- The Exam is designed to take approximately 90-120 minutes, comprised of two 45-60 minute sessions, one of which will allow calculator use. However, some students may require—and should be allowed—additional time to complete the test.
- There are 60 questions on the Exam including 50 multiple choice, seven short answer, and three extended response items. About one-third of the student's score will be based on the short-answer and extended-response items.
- Unlike the field tests, the May operational test will produce individual student score information and related summary reports. This information will allow you to evaluate individual student achievement in relation to school and corporation level performance. However, formal proficiency levels (e.g., partially proficient, proficient, and advanced proficient) will not be assigned this first year of the Algebra II program. Such performance bands will be established in 2009, on the basis of two years of student testing among the multi-state consortium.



- Attached to this memorandum you will find instructions for providing your participation counts to Pearson. Please note in the list of milestone tasks below, your participation counts need to be entered into the PEMSolutions website no later than February 15, 2008.
- If you have questions about the ADP Algebra II End-of-Course Exam, please contact Pearson:

Telephone: 1-866-688-9555, Hours 6:00AM to 7:30PM (Central Time), Monday-Friday (except holidays)

Fax: 1-888-577-5923

Email: ADPAlgebraIIEOC@support.pearson.com

Below is a listing of key milestones relative to the spring administration.

Task/Milestone	Date(s)
Pearson provides corporation test coordinators with user ID for PEMSolutions website	February 8, 2008
Corporation test coordinators enter participation counts into PEMSolutions website	February 8-15, 2008
Indiana State Department of Education provides pre-ID information to Pearson	March 24, 2008
Test materials received by the corporation (one week before the test administration in the corporation begins)	April 24-May 23, 2008
Test administration (one regular and one make-up day within this window)	May 1-30, 2008
Electronic summary reports available on PEMSolutions website	August 25, 2008
Paper copies of student/guardian reports delivered to corporation	August 29, 2008

This is an exciting initiative for Indiana, both in terms of creating a credible college readiness instrument suitable for the 21st century educational environment and as a partnership working with other states to address common goals. If you have questions regarding the Algebra II End-of-Course Exam program that Pearson cannot answer, please contact the Indiana Department of Education, Division of Student Assessment at 317 232-9050.